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MINUTES

Stated Meeting, January 5, 1912.

WILLIAM W. KEEN, M.D., LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Invitations were received:

From the Eighth International Congress of Applied Chemistry to be held in Washington and New York, September 4 to 13, 1912, to participate in its proceedings.

From the Committee of Organization of the Second Congress of Chemistry and of Pure and Applied Physics, in memory of Professor Mendéléeff, to be held at St. Petersburg on January 3 to 10, 1912, to participate.

From the Sociedad Astronomia de Barcelona to participate in the Exposition of Lunar Studies to be held from May 15 to June 15, 1912.

The decease was announced of:

Prof. George Davidson, at San Francisco, on December 1, 1911, æt. 86.

Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, O.M., G.C.S.I., D.C.L., F.R.S., at Sunningdale, Eng., on December 11, 1911, æt. 94.

Dr Arthur V. Meigs, at Philadelphia, on January 1, 1912, æt. 61.

Prof. John M. Macfarlane offered some remarks on the life and services of Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker.

The following papers were read:

"The Physical History of the Grand Canyon District," by Prof. Douglas Wilson Johnson, of Cambridge, Mass.

"The Determination of the Depth of the Milky Way," by Dr. T. J. J. See, of the U. S. Naval Observatory, Mare Island, Cal.

The Judges of the Annual Election of Officers and Councillors held on this day between the hours of two and five in the afternoon, reported that the following named members were elected, according

From the Congrès International d'Anthropologie et d'Archéologie Préhistorique announcing that the 14th Congress will be held at Geneva in September next.

From the Congrès International des Orientalistes to be represented at the 16th session to be held at Athens in April next.

Prof. Leslie W. Miller, on behalf of the Curators, reported the receipt of a gift to the Society of some valuable relics of one of its honored presidents, Mr. Peter S. Du Ponceau, whose portrait by Sully is one of the most benevolent of those that look down upon us from our walls. They consist of two crosses, a larger and a smaller, of the order of St. Louis and the gold medal of the Institut de France. The relics were presented to the Society by Miss Aline Garesché, an elderly lady, who has lived for many years in Paris and who states that as the last descendant of Du Ponceau she feels that the Society is the proper custodian of these treasured heirlooms of the family.

Mr. Du Ponceau wrote a learned monograph on "The Structure of the Indian Languages" which was printed in the *Transactions of the Historical and Literary Committee* of this Society, of which he was secretary, and in May, 1835, the "Prix Linguistique" founded by the Count de Volney was awarded to him by the Institut de France for a memoir on the Indian Languages of North America, which was afterwards published in Paris. The medal is a beautiful example of the work of the distinguished medallist, Rambert Dumarest (1750-1806).

Mr. Du Ponceau's attention was also directed, at this time, to the structure of the Chinese languages and in 1838, when he was 78 years old, he published in the *Transactions of the Historical and Literary Committee* of this Society a memoir of 375 pages on this subject.

The Royal and Military Order of St. Louis (to give it its full title) was instituted by Louis XIV. in the year 1693. It is conferred on naval and military officers who have distinguished themselves in the service.

Mr. Samuel Dickson made the following remarks :

As more than three quarters of a century have elapsed since the death of Mr. Du Ponceau, and he can be little more than the shadow of a name to most of those present, I have been asked to say something about him.

The only source of information now available, is the sketch of his life, read before this Society by his friend, Dr. Dunglison, just after his death in 1844. From this, it appears that he was born June 3, 1760, in the Isle de Ré, a small island off the west coast of France. He early developed an exceptional talent for languages, and having mastered a French and Latin vocabulary before he was six, he was able when twelve years of age to speak and write both English and Italian with fluency and correctness. The death of his father, leaving the family in straitened circumstances, when he was less than fifteen years of age, made it necessary for him to earn his own livelihood, and after an unsuccessful experience as a teacher, he went up to Paris, having as his outfit, "a clean shirt and a copy of 'Paradise Lost,'" and there supported himself as a translator. This led to an acquaintance with Beaumarchais, known to us as the author of the "Barber of Seville" and the "Marriage of Figaro," but then largely engaged under the firm name of Hortalez & Co., in exporting supplies to the Colonies.—By the way, a very interesting sketch of Beaumarchais is given by Trevelyan in his *American Revolution*—Beaumarchais introduced Du Ponceau to Baron Steuben, who was about starting for America, and speaking nothing but German, needed a Secretary, as an interpreter, familiar with English and French.

They came to this country and landed at Portsmouth in December, 1777, and after going to Yorktown, where the Continental Congress was in session, they went to Valley Forge early in 1778, where Du Ponceau made the acquaintance of Washington and Lafayette. As Secretary of Steuben, he was made a captain, and served as an officer until July, 1781, when he resigned on account of his health and came to Philadelphia.

He was soon after appointed secretary to Mr. Livingston, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, upon the recommendation of Judge

Peters, who wrote that he was "a good Latin scholar, French is his native tongue, English he has acquired perfectly, and he understands German, Italian and Spanish, he can translate Danish and Low Dutch with the help of a dictionary, and a little application will make him master of these."

At the close of the war, he entered the office of William Lewis, then the leader of the Bar, and was admitted in 1785. He soon acquired a large practice, and his command of languages must have contributed to the prominence which he attained as an admiralty lawyer.

In the bibliography, printed as an appendix to Dr. Dunglison's discourse, is a long list of his occasional papers and translations. He was especially interested in the study of philological questions, and his contributions upon the Indian and Chinese tongues attracted much attention and gained for him the medal which has been presented this evening.

While busily engaged in practice, he found time to take part in the proceedings of professional and literary associations with which he became connected.

He was elected vice-president of the American Philosophical Society in 1816, and president in 1827, holding the office until his death in 1844.

He was the first president of the Law Academy, and was annually reëlected until his death in 1844. The relations between the members and himself were of a most cordial and affectionate character, and the Law Academy presented to the Law Association of Philadelphia a copy of Sully's portrait.

He also became the president of the Historical Society, of the Athenæum, a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania; and in 1836 he was elected Chancellor of the Law Association, and, as in every other case, retained the office until his death in 1844.

Upon the occasion of the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Law Association, Chief Justice Mitchell delivered an historical address, in the course of which, referring to the office of Chancellor, he said, "the office has justly come to be regarded as the highest honor that the Bar can pay a fellow member." This would

naturally be inferred from the names of those who have held the office. Mr. Du Ponceau was preceded by Jared Ingersoll and William Rawle, and was followed by John Sergeant, Horace Binney, Joseph R. Ingersoll, William M. Meredith, and others, each prominent in his own day, until now the office is held by our fellow member, Hampton L. Carson.

No formal eulogy could give so adequate a notion of the character of Mr. Du Ponceau, or of the esteem and regard in which he was held, as this list of offices to which he was elected. The members of these institutions represented, if they did not constitute, the leading men in the professional and intellectual life of Philadelphia, and he could not have been elected and reëlected as their presiding officer if he had not been a man of great accomplishment, of sound learning, and of upright character.

Prof. John Bassett Moore, of New York, read a paper on "Contraband of War" which was discussed by Judge George Gray, of Wilmington, and Mr. Frederick R. Coudert, of New York.

Stated Meeting, March 1, 1912.

WILLIAM W. KEEN, M.D., LL.D., President, in the Chair.

The decease was announced of:

Prof. E. P. Crowell, at Amherst, on March 24, 1911, æt. 81.

Sir James M. Le Moine, at Quebec, on Feb. 5, 1912, æt. 87.

Prof. George J. Brush, at New Haven, on Feb. 6, 1912, æt. 81.

Rt.-Hon. Joseph, Lord Lister, at London, on Feb. 11, 1912, æt. 85.

Dr. W. W. Keen offered some remarks in appreciation of the services to Science of the late Lord Lister.

The following papers were read:

"The Chestnut Blight," by Dr. Haven Metcalf, of Washington.

"The Secular Variation of the Elements of the Orbits of the four Inner Planets," by Mr. Eric Doolittle.

"The Validity of the Law of Rational Indices and the Analogy between the Fundamental Laws of Chemistry and Crystallography," by Mr. Austin F. Rodgers. (Introduced by Mr. John C. Branner.)

Stated Meeting April 12, 1912.

WILLIAM W. KEEN, M.D., LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Letters were received

From the Committee of Organization of the IV. Congr s International d'Histoire des Religions to be held at Leyden from the 9th to 13th of September, 1912, inviting the Society to be represented at the Congress by a delegate.

From the Trustees and Faculty of Princeton University, requesting the presence of a delegate at the inauguration of John Grier Hibben, President of the University, on Saturday, May 11, 1912.

From the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, appointing Prof. A. Lawrence Rotch, from The Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, appointing Prof. E. Hershey Sneath, from The Washington Academy of Sciences, appointing Dr. L. O. Howard, and from The American Institute of Electrical Engineers, appointing Mr. Harry Archer Hornor, to represent them respectively at the General Meeting of the Society.

The decease was announced of the following members:

Rear Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. N., at Philadelphia on March 17, 1912,  t. 71.

Professor Thomas H. Montgomery, Jr., at Philadelphia on March 19, 1912,  t. 39.

Prof. A. Lawrence Rotch, at Boston on April 7, 1912,  t. 51.

The following papers were read:

"The Roentgen Rays—Principles underlying Production, Development of Apparatus and Usefulness in Medicine and Surgery," by Dr. Willis F. Manges (introduced by Dr. W. W. Keen). Discussed by Doctors Goodspeed, Tyson, Coplin, and Keen.

"The Japanese Verb So-Called," by Mr. Benjamin Smith Lyman.

General Meeting, April 18, 19, and 20.

Thursday, April 19th. Opening Session, 2 o'clock.

WILLIAM W. KEEN, M.D., LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Letters were received from The American Oriental Society, appointing Prof. A. V. Williams Jackson, The American Philological Society, appointing Prof. John Carew Rolfe, The Archaeological Institute of America, appointing Prof. Harry Langford Wilson, to represent them respectively at the General Meeting.

The decease was announced of Rev. Charles G. Ames, at Boston, April 15, 1912, æt. 83.

The following papers were read:

"Some Former Members of the American Philosophical Society," by Thomas Willing Balch, Philadelphia. Discussed by Mr. Harrison Morris.

"The Diary of a Voyage to the United States, by Moreau de Saint Méry," by Stewart L. Mims, B.A., Instructor in History, Yale University. (Introduced by Mr. J. G. Rosengarten.) Discussed by Mr. Rosengarten.

"The Legendary and Myth-Making Process in Histories of the American Revolution," by Sydney George Fisher, A.B., LL.D., Philadelphia.

"Bardaisan and the Odes of Solomon," by William Romaine Newbold, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania.

"Sumerian Bookkeeping Five Thousand Years Ago" (illustrated), by George A. Barton, Ph.D., Professor of Semitic Languages, Bryn Mawr College.

"The Political Ideals of Ulrich von Hutten," by Kuno Francke, Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of History of German Culture, Harvard University.

"Some Anthropological Aspects of the Brain with Reference to Race, Sex and Intellect," by Edward A. Spitzka, M.D., Professor of Anatomy, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Discussed by Professor Haupt and Mr. Fisher.

"Waterway Conservation" (illustrated), by Louis M. Haupt, Philadelphia. Discussed by Mr. Sidney George Fisher.

Thursday Evening, April 18, 8 o'clock.

Celebration of the Centenary of the Introduction of Gas as an Illuminant.

Under the auspices of THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL
SOCIETY, THE AMERICAN GAS INSTITUTE.

WILLIAM W. KEEN, M.D., LL.D., in the Chair.

"By-Products in Gas Manufacture," by Charles E. Munroe,
Professor of Chemistry, George Washington University,
Washington.

For the titles of the addresses on Friday, April 19, see the
special programme.

Friday Morning, April 19.

WILLIAM W. KEEN, M.D., LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Morning Session—10.05 o'clock.

The following papers were read:

"Heredity of Feeble-mindedness," by Henry H. Goddard,
Director of Research, The Training School, Vineland, N. J.
(Introduced by Dr. Henry H. Donaldson.)

"The Inheritable Factors of Epilepsy," by David F. Weeks,
M.D., Superintendent of the New Jersey State Village for
Epileptics at Skillman. (Introduced by Dr. Henry H. Donaldson.)

"Is the Control of Embryonic Development a Practical Problem?" by Charles R. Stockard, Ph.D., Professor of Anatomy,
Cornell University Medical College. (Introduced by Dr. Henry H. Donaldson.) Discussed by Doctors Donaldson, A. C. Abbott, Goddard, Weeks, Stockard, and Bogert.

"An Avian Tumor in Its Relation to the Tumor Problem," by
Peyton Rous, M.D., of the Rockefeller Institute, New York.

- (Introduced by Dr. Alexander C. Abbott.) Discussed by Doctors Keen and Bogert.
- “Protein Poison: Its Preparation and Its Nature,” by Victor C. Vaughan, M.D., LL.D., Professor of Hygiene and Physiological Chemistry, University of Michigan.
- “Bacterial Vaccines, with Special Reference to Typhoid Prophylaxis,” by Frederick F. Russell, M.D., Major, U. S. A., Curator of Army Medical Museum, Washington, D. C. (Introduced by Dr. Alexander C. Abbott.) Discussed by Doctors Abbott, Bogert and Vaughan.
- “Prolonged Active Life,” by Alexis Carrell, M.D., of The Rockefeller Institute, New York. Discussed by Dr. Keen.
- “Dynamical Theory of the Globular Clusters and of the Clustering Power Inferred by Herschel from the Observed Figures of Sidereal Systems of High Order,” by T. J. J. See, Ph.D., of the U. S. Naval Observatory, Mare Island, California.
- “Some Notes on Persian Mystic Poetry,” by A. V. Williams Jackson, Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Indo-Iranian Languages, Columbia University, New York.

Afternoon Session—2 o'clock.

WILLIAM B. SCOTT, Ph.D., LL.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

- Exhibition of Volumes of Illustrations of North American Vegetation, by John W. Harshberger, Ph.D., Professor of Botany, University of Pennsylvania. Discussed by Professor Haupt.
- “History of the Fungus of the Chestnut Tree Disease,” by William G. Farlow, Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Cryptogamic Botany, Harvard University.
- “The Classification of the Black Oaks” (illustrated), by William Trelease, Sc.D., LL.D., Director of Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis.
- “The Mammals of the Patagonian Miocene” (illustrated), by William B. Scott, Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Geology and Paleontology, Princeton University.

- "Illustrations of Remarkable Cambrian Fossils from British Columbia" (illustrated), by Charles D. Walcott, Sc.D., LL.D., Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington.
- "Some Considerations Bearing Upon the Origin of Lava" (illustrated), by William H. Hobbs, Ph.D., Professor of Geology, University of Michigan. Discussed by Professor Scott and Dr. Clarke.
- "Recent Archæological Discoveries in Peru" (illustrated), by Hiram Bingham, M.A., Ph.D., Curator of Latin American Collections of Yale University. (Introduced Mr. Henry G. Bryant.) Discussed by Professor Scott and Mr. Bingham.
- "The Discovery of the Continent of Antarctica by Americans: An Historical Vindication," by General Adolphus W. Greely, U. S. A., of Washington. Discussed by Mr. E. S. Balch, Professor Hobbs, and General Greely.
- "The Interrelations of Eight Fundamental Properties of Classes of Functions," by Arthur D. Pitcher, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Dartmouth College. (Introduced by Prof. Eliakim H. Moore.)

Evening Session, 8 o'clock.

Robert Williams Wood, LL.D., Professor of Experimental Physics at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Study of Nature by Invisible Light, with Especial Reference to Astronomy and Physics."

Saturday, April 20.

Executive Session—9.30 o'clock.

WILLIAM W. KEEN, M.D., LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Pending nominations for membership were read and the polls opened.

Secretary Keller and Dr. Holland, tellers, subsequently reported that the following nominees had been elected to membership:

Residents of the United States.

Albert T. Clay, B.A., Ph.D., New Haven,
George W. Crile, M.D., Ph.D., Cleveland,
Arthur Louis Day, Ph.D., Washington,
Edward Curtis Franklin, Ph.D., Washington,
John Grier Hibben, Ph.D., LL.D., Princeton,
G. Carl Huber, M.D., Ann Arbor,
James Furman Kemp, Sc.D., New York,
Arthur Henry Lea, B.A., Philadelphia,
John Matthews Manly, Ph.D., Chicago,
Edward Bennett Rosa, Sc.D., Ph.D., Washington,
Frank Schlesinger, A.M., Ph.D., Allegheny, Pa.,
George E. de Schweintiz, M.D., Philadelphia,
Frederick Winslow Taylor, M.E., Philadelphia,
Roland Thaxter, A.M., Ph.D., Cambridge, Mass.,
Oswald Veblen, Princeton.

Foreign Residents.

George Friedrich Julius Arthur Auwers, Ph.D., Berlin,
Wilhelm Ostwald, Sc.D., LL.D., Leipzig,
Magnus Gustaf Retzius, Stockholm.

The following papers were read:

- "Some Geochemical Statistics," by Frank W. Clarke, Sc.D., LL.D., U. S. Geological Survey. Discussed by Professor Hobbs and Dr. Clarke.
- "Some General Results of the Work of a Century on the Atomic Weights of the Chemical Elements," by Gustavus D. Hinrichs, of St. Louis.
- "Absorption Spectra and the Solvate Theory of Solution" (illustrated), by Harry C. Jones, Ph.D., Professor of Physical Chemistry, Johns Hopkins University.
- "The Classification of Carbon Compounds," by Marston T. Bogert, Ph.B., LL.D., Prof. of Chemistry, Columbia Univ.
- "An Autocollimating Mounting for a Concave Grating" (illustrated), by Horace Clark Richards, Ph.D., Professor of Mathematical Physics, University of Pennsylvania..

- "Thermal Relations of Solutions," by William F. Magie, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Physics, Princeton University.
- "The Measurement of Temperature up to 1750° C." (illustrated), by Arthur L. Day, B.A., Ph.D., Director of the Geophysical Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution.
- "Selective Scattering Reflection and Absorption by Resonating Gas Molecules" (illustrated), by Robert Williams Wood, LL.D., Prof. of Experimental Physics, Johns Hopkins Univ.
- "Some Observations on the Transmission of Sound through Walls," by Arthur Gordon Webster, Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of Physics, Clark University, Worcester, Mass.
- "New Magnetic Charts of the Indian Ocean" (illustrated), by Louis A. Bauer, C.E., Ph.D., Director of the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism of the Carnegie Institution.
- "The Treaty-Making Power of the United States and the Methods of its Enforcement as Affecting the Police Powers of the States," by Charles H. Burr, of Philadelphia, the Essay to which the Henry M. Phillips Prize was awarded.

Afternoon Session—2 o'clock.

EDWARD C. PICKERING, Sc.D., LL.D., F.R.S., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

Prof. B. Osgood Pierce, a recently elected member, and Dr. Arthur Louis Day and Prof. Frank Schlesinger, newly elected members, signed the Laws and were admitted into the Society.

The following papers were read:

"Symposium on Stellar Spectroscopy":

"Radial Velocity" (illustrated), by William W. Campbell, Sc.D., LL.D., Professor of Astronomy, Lick Observatory, University of California.

"Objective Prism Spectra," by Edward C. Pickering, Sc.D., LL.D., Professor of Astronomy, Harvard University.

"The New Star, in Gemini," by Storrs B. Barrett, of the Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, Wisconsin. (Introduced by Edward B. Frost, D.Sc.)

“On the Prospect of Obtaining Radial Velocities by Means of the Objective Prism,” by Frank Schlesinger, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of Astronomy, University of Pittsburgh.

“Relations Between the Spectra and Other Characteristics of the Stars” (illustrated), by Henry N. Russell, Ph.D., Professor of Astronomy, Princeton University.

Stated Meeting, May 3, 1912.

WILLIAM W. KEEN, M.D., LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Dr. William T. Sedgwick, a recently elected member, and Mr. Arthur H. Lea and Dr. George E. de Schweinitz, newly elected members, signed the Laws and were admitted into the Society.

Letters accepting membership were received from

Arthur Louis Day, Ph.D., Washington,
John Grier Hibben, Ph.D., LL.D., Princeton,
James Furman Kemp, Sc.D., New York,
Arthur Henry Lea, A.B., Philadelphia,
Frank Schlesinger, M.A., Ph.D., Allegheny, Pa.,
George E. de Schweinitz, M.D., Philadelphia,
Roland Thaxter, A.M., Ph.D., Cambridge, Mass.,
Oswald Veblen, Princeton.

From the III Congresso Archæologico Internazionale, Rome, October, 1912, inviting the Society to be represented thereat by a delegate.

From the Association des Ingenieurs Electriciens, announcing the conditions of the Triennial Prize for 1914, under the Fondation George Montefiore.

A paper entitled “Is Typhoid Fever a Rural Disease?” was read by Dr. W. T. Sedgwick, of Boston, Mr. G. R. Taylor, of Scranton, and Mr. J. S. MacNutt, of Orange, N. J., and was discussed by Doctors Abbott, Mr. John F. Lewis, Doctors Tyson, Smith and Stengel and Professor Sedgwick.

Stated Meeting October 4th, 1912.

WILLIAM W. KEEN, M.D., LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Letters accepting membership were received from:

Alfred T. Clay, B.A., Ph.D., New Haven.

George W. Crile, M.D., Ph.D., Cleveland.

Edward Curtis Franklin, Ph.D., Washington, D. C.

G. Carl Huber, M.D., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

John Matthews Manly, Ph.D., Chicago, Ill.

Edward Bennett Rosa, Sc.D., Ph.D., Washington.

Frederick Winslow Taylor, M.E., Philadelphia.

George Friedrich Julius Arthur Auwers, Ph.D., Berlin.

Wilhelm Ostwald, Sc.D., LL.D., Leipzig.

Magnus Gustaf Retzius, Stockholm.

Invitations were received:

From the organizing committee of the First International Eugenics Congress, to be represented by a delegate at the Congress to be held on July 24-30, in London.

From the American Antiquarian Society, to be represented at the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of its foundation, to be held at Worcester on October 15, 16, 1912.

From the Naturwissenschaftliche Verein für Steiermark, to be represented at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation on November 10, 1912.

From the Rice Institute, to be represented at its inauguration at Houston, Texas, on October 10-12, 1912.

From the Fifteenth International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, to participate in the Congress to be held at Washington on September 27-28, 1912.

From the State of New York, through the Education Department, to attend the dedication of the State Education Building, at Albany, on November 15 to 17, 1912.

From the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, expressing its gratitude for the Society's congratulations on the occasion of its Centenary Celebration.

From Sir George Otto Trevelyan :

WALLINGTON, CAMBO, Northumberland,

August 16, 1912.

Dear Sirs: I always read, with interest and admiration, everything in the *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society* the technical form of which is not beyond me; and I fully appreciate the deserved and wide-spread influence of that publication. In your number of April to June, 1912, there is an article on American history in which it is stated, three several times over, that Charles James Fox was my "relative"; and it is implied, not obscurely, that I wrote with a family partiality about him, and about the public events of his period in England and America. I do not suppose that your readers concern themselves much about the personal question in relation to me; but it must be remembered that the statement of a fact, made with emphasis and circumstance, in the pages of the American Philosophical Society's journal, bears the stamp of authority; and what is written there remains written. I therefore feel bound to say that Charles Fox is in no sense my "relative" and that between his family and mine (I am sorry for it) there never existed any connection by blood or marriage, however remote. Indeed my progenitors on my father's side, voted sturdily against him in Parliament, beat his supporters at election, perfectly abominated him in his character of a friend of liberty and humanity, and held, at the time, the same view of his policy and attitude towards America which the author of your article holds to-day.

I remain, Sirs,

Yours very faithfully,

GEORGE OTTO TREVELYAN.

To the Secretaries of the American Philosophical Society.

The decease of the following members was announced :

William W. Goodwin, Ph.D., LL.D., D.C.L., at Cambridge, Mass., on June 15, 1912, æt. 81.

Thomas Hewson Bache, M.D., at Philadelphia, on July 8, 1912, æt. 86.

Jules Henri Poincaré, Sc.D., at Paris, France, on July 17, 1912, æt. 58.

Horace Howard Furness, Ph.D., Litt.D., LL.D., at Wallingford, Pa., on August 13, 1912, æt. 79.

Archibald Loudon Snowden, LL.D., at Philadelphia, on September 7, 1912, æt. 75.

The following papers were read :

"Restoration of North and South American Mammals," by Prof. W. B. Scott.

"Some Tic-transmitted Diseases," by Prof. G. H. F. Nuttall, of Cambridge, England (introduced by Dr. A. C. Abbott).

"Acceleration of Development in Fossil Cephalapoda," by Prof. James Perrin Smith, Ph.D. (introduced by Prof. John C. Branner).

Stated Meeting November 1, 1912.

WILLIAM W. KEEN, M.D., LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Sir William Ramsay, elected to membership in 1899, and Mr. Frederick W. Taylor, a newly elected member, having subscribed the Laws, were admitted into the Society.

The decease was announced of Lewis Boss, A.M., LL.D., at Albany, N. Y., on October 5, 1912, æt. 66.

The following papers were read:

"Electrons," by Sir William Ramsay, K.C.B., LL.D., F.R.S.

"The Formation of Coal Beds," by John J. Stevenson, A.M., LL.D.

Stated Meeting December 6, 1912.

I. MINIS HAYS, A.M., M.D., in the Chair.

Professor Oswald Veblen, a newly elected member, having subscribed the Laws, was admitted into the Society.

Decease of the following members was announced:

John William Mallett, M.D., LL.D., at Charlottesville, Va., on November 7, 1912, æt. 80.

Richard Alsop Cleemann, at Philadelphia, on November 19, 1912, æt. 72.

Inman Horner, at Philadelphia, on November 28, 1912, æt. 66.

Professor Oswald Veblen read an obituary notice of Professor Henri Poincaré.

Professor Felix E. Schelling read a paper on the "Elizabethan Playhouse."